

## Message Text

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MADRAS 0383 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 4 MARCH 77.  
BEING RPT FOR YOUR ACTION/ INFO.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, IN, US  
SUBJECT: PRESS ON US INVOLVEMENT IN NEW DELHI

REF: BOMBAY 480

1. EDITOR OF LEFTIST DAILY MAKKAL KURAL, IN BOX PAGE TWO  
OF ITS MARCH 3 EDITION, RAISED THE QUESTION OF "ESPIONAGE  
ACTIVITIES" IN DELHI AND STATE THAT "SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY  
BEEN ARRESTED FOR PASSING ON SECRET INFORMATION TO AMERICA,"  
AMONG THEM Y. B. CHAVAN'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT. EDITOR ASKS  
WHAT CHAVAN IS GOING TO "AFTER THIS EXPOSURE," AND WONDERES  
WHAT WILL BE "THE NEXT SCENE IN THIS DRAMA."

2. MADRAS EDITION INDIAN EXPRESS MARCH 4 CARRIED  
FOLLOWING ARTICLE ON INSIDE PAGES UNDER TITLE "CIA INVOLVED  
IN NELHI ESPIONAGE":

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WASHINGTON MARCH 3.  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON WEDNESDAY DECLINED COMMENT  
ON THE REPORTED ESPIONAGE RING IN NEW DELHI. THEY SAID,  
"WE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT IN ANY EVENT"  
THE PROBLEM ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT  
IS THAT DENIALS WILL NOT BE BELIEVED AND THAT CONFIRMATION IN

SUCH MATTERS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. MOST NEWSPAPERS EVEN  
AVOIDED THE STORY.

A MAJOR TELEVISION NETWORK SAID BOTH ATOMIC INTELLIGENCE  
AND ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE WERE INVOLVED, WHILE OTHERS SAID ONLY  
ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE WAS INVOLVED.

THE MOST DETAILED REPORT WAS IN THE BALTIMORE SUN,  
WHICH TALKED ABOUT 'THE REPORTED INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES CIA IN AN ESPIONAGE RING IN INDIA,' AND ADDED,  
'ACCORDING TO REPORTS, TWO AMERICANS HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM  
THE COUNTRY.'  
UNQUOTE.

3. ARTICLE ENTITLED "SPY SCANDAL: CALL FOR DISMISSAL OF  
GOVERNMENT," DATELINED BOMBAY, MARCH 1, APPEARED IN MADURAIE  
EDITION OF INDIAN EXPRESS MARCH 2. ARTICLE, BY EXPRESS  
CORRESPONDENT, REFERS TO STATEMENT BY JANATA PARTY GENERAL  
SECRETARY IN BOMBAY AND REFERRED TO IN BOMBAY 480. ARTICLE  
CONTAINS SHORT PARAGRAPH INDICATING THAT "WHEN PRESSED TO STATE  
THE NAME OF FOREIGN POER IN THIS AFFAIR, MR. PURI  
SAID, 'THE FOREIGN POWER THAT IS INVOLVED IS THE  
USA.'"

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